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Reference is made to the "Response to Request for Information", filed July 2, 2012.

Petitioner is allowed a non-extendable period for reply of **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this communication to provide a response. The response should be titled, "Response to Request for Information." If no response is provided within the period set forth, a decision will be made solely on the merits as set forth in the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) filed May 17, 2012, and papers filed July 2, 2012. No additional fees are due.

The above-identified patent issued on April 25, 2000. Therefore the grace period in 35 U.S.C. § 41(b) for paying the 7.5 year maintenance fee expired at midnight on April 25, 2008. The period for paying the 11.5-year maintenance fee also passed on April 25, 2012.

Petitioner is required to address the following points:

- The "Disability Hearing Officer's Decision" from hearing date May 13, 2008, is noted. It is noted that the statement documents that psychological impairment petitioner experienced in 2001, 2002. The statement also indicates that in the years 2006 and 2007, petitioner's physical and psychological condition was stabilized. On June 13, 2008, it is noted that the Disability Hearing Officer declared that petitioner was no longer disabled. The records provided do not speak to petitioner's condition during the relevant period, which is from approximately *April 25, 2007, until the present*, demonstrating that petitioner was either mentally and/or physically incapacitated such that the failure to pay the maintenance fee was unavoidable. Petitioner must provide statements from a treating physician or other knowledge professional that demonstrates that petitioner's memory was severely diminished during the relevant period and, if relevant, petitioner psychological condition was such that the failure to pay the maintenance fees was unavoidable. Petitioner is again reminded to remove any personal identifiers, i.e., social security numbers, account numbers, etc., from the documents filed as such information may become part of the public record.

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